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(Minutes.)

See my minutes on attached slip.

Private Secretary

In pp. Mr. W. Whiteley, Tay., to H. Bevin.  
of 27th. Feb., 1947.

This should be acknowledged.

Printed Signature

It is rather late now, so  
I suggest we do not send an ack.  
OK

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M.P.'s LETTER

*I don't think this  
demands any  
further reply.  
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House of Commons,

London, S.W.1

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27 FEB 1947

Eastern Dept.

For draft

reply please.

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Dear Berlin. I have been asked

to bring the points raised in the  
enclosed letter to your notice - and  
so forward the letter to you.

I hope that you will have a decent  
journey to Moscow and not too tiring  
a time when you get there

Sincerely yours

Cuthbert Headlam

My correspondent Mr. S. Phillips is  
the leading Zionist in the Northern  
Area.

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Yours,

William H. Tuttle

*William Whaley*  
A Declaration itself  
they will not only declare  
a fraud common but they  
will help to put it down  
would you the way  
for it?  
W

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin, M.P.,  
Foreign Secretary,  
Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

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**NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL ZIONIST COUNCIL** 7

Chairman:  
SAMUEL PHILLIPS, M.A.  
Hon. Secretary:  
Alderman J. COHEN.

86, Pilgrim Street,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

Tel. Newcastle 24742.

SP/MF

24th February 1947

Dear Sir,

Now that the Government has decided to refer the Palestine question to the United Nations, the North Eastern Zionists earnestly beg of you to urge the Government to increase the immigration quota into Palestine and to relax the restrictions on the purchase of land.

If these concessions are made and the deportees from Cyprus are brought back to Palestine, it will strengthen the hands of the Zionist Leaders to put down terrorism and will have a pacifying effect throughout the world.

The numbers thus admitted during the interim period cannot make a great difference to the relative position of Jews and Arabs in Palestine and can be without prejudice to the ultimate decision.

At present, the immigration quota is 1500 per month. The Jewish Agency believe they can handle an immigration at the rate of 10,000 per month. Mr. Bevin's proposals visualised an immigration of 4,000 a month.

Will you please urge this as a minimum.

Yours faithfully,

*Samuel Phillips*

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Minute

(11 Mar 1947)

Increase in Jewish Immigration Quota.  
Draft of to Cairo. Telling Jewish  
Agency have requested an increase  
in the monthly quota of Jewish Immigrants  
to Palestine. During initial policy of U.N.  
resolutions. An agreement has been given  
that H.M.G. will give consideration to request.

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Mar 6  
Capt. Duckworth, M139  
W.O. on E2615. 3 April  
J. Martin B.O.

Mar 13 P.J.O.

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completed.)

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2055

Now see letter from Mr. Martin  
(written)  
The Colonial Secretary's instructions have  
been completed in the course of transmission  
through the C.O. This is perhaps not  
altogether a misfortune.

I submit, as requested by Mr. Martin,  
another draft to H.M. Govt.

H. Beeley 12/13

In P. Cairo tel 706 19/5.  
Tel. B. Cairo.

H.B. 24/13

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 B.N.E.O. 250

Mar 14.

8/ B.O.

✓ Mar 18  
 8) Capt. Duckworth,  
 R13a, WO. on E2615.  
 Tel. Cairo 655 April 3

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3. [Bagdad only] Your views  
on the above are perhaps covered  
by your telegram no. 166.

4. The <sup>which has been</sup> ~~photo~~ proposed  
is in the neighbourhood of  
Hadda a month.

[Cairo only] Please pass ~~FO~~ MEO as my tel no. 226

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO NO. 518

BAGDAD NO. 208

JEDDA NO. 120

BEIRUT NO. 158

DAMASCUS NO. 121

AMMAN NO. 94

6th March 1947

D: 7.35 a.m. 7th March 1947

Repeated to: British Middle East Office, Cairo  
No. 226  
Jerusalem

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IMPORTANT  
TOP SECRET

Jerusalem telegram to the Colonial Office No. 358,  
repeated to you.

The Jewish Agency has requested an increase in the monthly quota of Jewish immigrants to Palestine during the interval before the conclusions of the United Nations are reached. An assurance has been given that His Majesty's Government will give consideration to this request.

2. The Colonial Secretary has asked me to obtain your views on the probable reaction of the Arabs to any concession we might make to the Jews on this point.

3. [Bagdad only]. Your views on the above are perhaps covered by your telegram No. 166.

4. The quota which has been proposed is in the neighbourhood of 4,000 a month.

[Cairo only]. Please pass to British Middle East Office as my telegram No. 226.

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Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

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10th March, 1947.  
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2054 <sup>1914</sup> ~~1056~~ 31

My dear Bealey,

I have just seen your telegram to Cairo No. 518 (repeated to other Middle East posts), and I am afraid there has been a slight misunderstanding. What we were instructed to ask the Foreign Office to obtain was not the views of H.M. Representatives on the probable reaction of the Arabs to any concession made to the Jews regarding the immigration quota during the interim period; but their views on the High Commissioner's telegram to the Colonial Office No. 358, which deals with a wider question.

You will have seen the interesting comments already received from Stonehewer Bird (in his telegram No. 166). We hope you will not think

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H. BEELEY, ESQ., C.B.E.

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Telegram. Cairo.

No. 571

(Date) March 13

~~Report~~ and to :—

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Amman 109

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 " " " 94 [Amman]

[7 March 6th: Palestine]

I am grateful for your prompt reply.

2. I regret that, owing to a misunderstanding here, I did not ask for your opinion, which the Colonial Secretary would also like to know, on the wider question raised in Jerusalem telegram to him no. 358 of February 17th.

3. [Damascus only] Jerusalem  
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REPRESENTATIVES AT:—

CAIRO NO. 571  
BAGDAD NO. 230  
JEDDA NO. 140  
DAMASCUS NO. 143  
BEIRUT NO. 179  
AMMAN NO. 109

13th March, 1947. D. 11.00 a.m. 14th March, 1947.

Repeated to B.M.E.O. Cairo No.250.  
Jerusalem.

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My telegram No. 518 [Cairo].  
 " " " 208 [Bagdad].  
 " " " 120 [Jedda]  
 " " " 121 [Damascus]  
 " " " 158 [Beirut]  
 " " " 94 [Ammen]

[of March 6th: Palestine].

I am grateful for your prompt reply.

I regret that, owing to a misunderstanding here, I did not ask for your opinion, which the Colonial Secretary would also like to know, on the wider question raised in Jerusalem telegram to him No.358 of February 17th.

3. [Damascus only] Jerusalem telegram No.358 was repeated to you as their No.172.

[Cairo only]. Please pass to B.M.E.O. as my telegram No.250.

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell.

D. 6. 3 p.m. 19th March 1947.

No. 706.

19th March, 1947.

R. 8.15 p.m. 19th March 1947.

X.X.X.X.X.X.X.

Your telegram No. 571.

Palestine.

Please repeat to us telegram No. 58 of 17th  
February from Secretary of State for the Colonies to  
Jerusalem which has not been received here.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

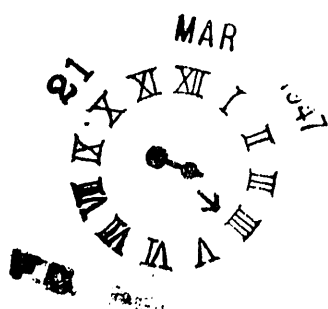
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Your telegram no. 706

Reference was to Jerusalem  
telegram no. 358, related to  
you as their no. 12.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO

No. 655

D. 4.10 p.m. 24th March, 1947.

24th March, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 706.

Reference was to Jerusalem telegram No. 358, repeated  
to you as their No. 12.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

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Mr. G. P. P. Smith

Tedda

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9. Nov 1947

Increase in Jewish Immigration quota. Refers to letter to basis 518 (E 2054/1914/51) states, any concessions made to the Jews on the lines proposed would have disastrous effect on public opinion here which is already genuinely shocked by continued British failure to check terrorist activities. Gives further views.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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MAR 13

8) Capt. Duckworth,  
M13a, W.O.  
on E2615.  
✓ April 3.

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FROM JEDDA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Grafftey Smith  
No. 97

D. 12.45 p.m. March 9th, 1947.

March 9th, 1947.

R. 2.37 p.m. March 9th, 1947.

Repeated to Cairo  
Bagdad  
Beirut  
Damascus  
Amman  
British Middle East Office Cairo  
Jerusalem

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IMPORTANT

TOP SECRET

Your telegram No. 518 to Cairo.

Jewish immigrants.

Any concession made to the Jews on the lines proposed would have disastrous effect on public opinion here which is already genuinely shocked by our continued failure to check terrorist activities. H.R.H. [2 grps. undec.] spoke to me anxiously on March 7th regarding the effect of unavenged outrages and insults such as the recent floggings of service personnel upon British prestige in the Arab world.

2. If as I believe the Arabs for their part are pressing for complete cessation of Jewish immigrants during the present period of waiting and during United Nations deliberations this particular measure of further appeasement of Zionists will add insult to injury. It also seems to conflict with assurances implicitly given by the Secretary of State to Arab delegates on February 14th.

Foreign Office please repeat Important to Amman as my telegram No. 11.

Beirut please repeat Important to Damascus as my telegram No. 8.

Cairo please repeat Important to British Middle East Office as my telegram No. 11.

[Repeated to Amman by Foreign Office]

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TELEGRAM FROM

M<sup>r</sup> Houston

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Borwall

Dated

Beirut

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8 Mar 1947

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8/ Mr. Charles B.O.

✓ Mar. 13

8) Capt. Duckworth

M13a, W.D.

✓ April 3

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Increase in Jewish Immigration quota.  
Refer 7 V. 1 to Cairo 518 (E2054/1914/31)  
Still Arab dissatisfaction at the continuance  
of immigration at the present rate of 1-500  
a month is real: guarantee if increase  
in the rate would result in renewed agitation  
and any hope of reasonable tranquillity during  
next few months would vanish.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO.2.

Mr. Houstoun Boswall  
No. 171

D. 6.10 p.m. March 8th, 1947.

March 8th, 1947.

R. 8.40 p.m. March 8th, 1947.

Repeated to Bagdad

Amman (Jerusalem please pass as my telegram  
No.21)

Jerusalem

Cairo

**Jedda**

## Damascus Saving

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IMPORTANT

TOP SECRET

Your telegram No. 518 to Cairo. E.

Widespread suspicion amongst Arabs that His Majesty's Government have been deliberately adopting delaying tactics to enable more Jews to get into Palestine has more or less been dissipated by decision to refer the matter to the United Nations and by your speech of February 28th. There is no doubt that this result and the present Arab belief that British policy has at last developed on lines reasonably favourable to Arabs would be destroyed by any concession in immigration quota.

2. Arab dissatisfaction at the continuance [grp. undec. 70 of] immigration at the present rate of 1,500 a month is real: guarantee of increase in the rate would result in renewed agitation and any hope of reasonable tranquillity during the next few months would vanish. Arabs would not fail to interpret such a development as a concession to force and their extremists would be correspondingly encouraged.

3. At a time when the Arab Governments are being asked to exert a moderating influence on Egypt it would be most unfortunate if they were antagonised by an upward revision of the quota.

4. I agree the increase of immigrants now [grp. undec. ?would] entirely undo really admirable effects your speech in the House of Commons which went a long way to reassure Arabs [grp. undec. ?of the] sincerity of [grp. undec.] His Majesty's Government.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. A. Kirkbride

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Amman

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8 Mar 1947

10 Mar 1947

Increase in Jewish Immigration Quota  
 stated, Reaction of Transjordan Arabs to  
 increase in present immigration quota  
 would be very hostile. Does not anticipate  
 violence, but any such developments  
 elsewhere in the Arab world might be  
 infectious. Personal view, that increase in  
 quota would be interpreted as a concession to  
 Jewish violence, the corollary being obvious.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

See also E 2055 and E 2056

H. B. B. 107

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1. Mr. A. Kirkbride, B.O.  
 March 13

8) Capt. Duckworth  
 M139, W.C.  
 on E 2615.  
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FROM AMMAN TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir A. Kirkbride

No. 73

D. 12.30 p.m. 8th March 1947.

8th March 1947. R. 1.25 p.m. 8th March 1947.

Repeated to Bagdad

Beirut

Cairo

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B.M.E.O. Cairo

Jerusalem (Saving)

IMPORTANT

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SECRET

Jewish Immigration to Palestine.

Reaction of Transjordan Arabs to increase in present immigration quota would be very hostile. I do not anticipate that actual violence would originate in Transjordan but any such developments elsewhere in the Arab world might be infectious.

Reaction would be all the more bitter on account of the announcement made by the Transjordan Delegation after recent Conference that you had undertaken to consider stoppage of all immigration of Jews to Palestine pending reference to the United Nations.

My own view is that increase of immigration would be interpreted as a concession to Jewish violence, the corollary being obvious.

Foreign Office please repeat to Bagdad, Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Jedda and British Middle East Office Cairo as my telegrams Nos. 11, 14, 23, 13, 13 and 12 respectively. / Repeated

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GRAM FROM  
Liz. M. Stone-Lewer

Bird

Bogdad

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10 MAY 1967

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Increase in Jewish Immigration Quota.  
Refer #1 to the Cairo 518/E 2054/1914/31.  
It would be almost impossible to overstate  
the bad effect here of such a concession.  
Iraqi Govt would feel outraged by change  
in the status quo while the question was  
sub-judice and public opinion would consider  
that we were being blackmailed by cheats of  
increased terrorism.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir H. Stonehewer Bird.

No. 230

10th March 1947.

D. 4.30 p.m. GMT 10th March 1947.

R. 5.55 p.m. 10th March 1947.

Repeated to: Cairo  
Jedda  
Damascus  
Beirut (please pass to Damascus as my telegram No. 26).

Amman,  
Jerusalem,  
B.M.E.S.

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IMMEDIATE.

SECRET.

Your telegram No. 518 to Cairo. 5/11/47

It would be almost impossible to over-state the bad effect here of such a concession. Iraqi Government would feel outraged by change in the status quo while the question was sub-judice and public opinion would consider that we were being blackmailed by threats of increased terrorism.

2. Local opinion would also contrast your statement that His Majesty's Government would present the case factually to United Nations without recommending any particular solution with such a concession which would in fact amount to adopting partially one solution in advance. Your last statement in the House of Commons had most admirable effect in all circles in this country including the army and extreme Nationals. This effect will be entirely destroyed if concession is made and doubt will again be thrown on His Majesty's Government's good faith.

3. Immigration has always been the cardinal point for the Arabs and I earnestly beg that we make no concession now when all odium will fall on us.

Foreign Office please pass to Amman as my telegram No. 16.

[Repeated to Amman by Foreign Office].

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Increase in Jewish Immigration Quota.  
 Refers to J.O. 518 (E 2054/1914/31) States Reaction  
 in Egypt would hardly fail to be deplorable.  
 Apart from reaction in favour of Egyptian Arabs  
 in Palestine being swayed by Jews it would  
 be generally regarded, however wrongly, as a  
 further concession made under the influence  
 of fear inspired by successful Jewish terrorism.

(Minutes.)

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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9th March, 1947

Repeated to: Bagdad,  
Jerusalem,  
Amman,  
Jedda,  
Damascus,  
Beirut

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Your telegram No. 518. 12510100

Proposal to increase quota of Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

Reaction in Egypt could hardly fail to be deplorable. Apart from reaction in favour of Moslem Arabs in Palestine being swamped by Jews, it would be generally regarded however wrongly, as a further concession made under the influence of fear inspired by successful Jewish terrorism. At the end of 1945 Amir Feisal pointed out to us here that our weakness before Jewish terrorism in Palestine would inevitably provide troubles in Egypt and Iraq where turbulent elements would think they could make trouble with impunity as easily as the Jews in Palestine. Already the Egyptians have, I fear, begun to regard us as on the downward grade and that we can be flouted with impunity. I submit that we should be careful to avoid action tending to encourage further a belief that if they wish, they can make disorders against us without any danger and indeed that by attacking British lives and property they could reap concessions.

2. On more general grounds I would submit that this is not the moment to antagonise still further Arab States when we are making efforts to induce them not to go the whole hog for Egypt at U.N.O. as seen from here a decision by us now to increase quota of Jewish immigrants would inevitably incline Arab States to drift into the anti-British camp of Egypt.

Jerusalem please pass to Amman as my telegram No. 23.

Beirut please pass to Damascus as my telegram No. 35.

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M. Eyles

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8. Mar 1947

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Increase in Jewish Immigration Quota.

Refer 7.0 tel to Cairo 5/8 (E 2054/1914/31)

Total no. hesitation in saying that such a  
concession would have deplorable effect on  
Syrian Govt. and people, and would  
nullify the good impression made by  
M. Eyles' statement of Feb 25.

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8) Capt. Duckworth,  
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Invoice in French Immigration Dept.  
 Report Report tel 171 (E 2056/1914/31). Photo views  
 expressed in same did not take into account  
 the present situation Political Govt. control  
 in outside provinces, given further views  
 on subject with reference to Henderson tel  
 5444.

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Reference now attached.

P'stine tel 5444

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8) Capt. Duckworth,  
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*My dear Beeley,*

I enclose copies of telegrams No. 545 and No. 630 from the High Commissioner for Palestine, arising out of your telegram to Cairo No. 518 asking for the views of His Majesty's Representatives at Arab ports on the possibility of increasing the immigration quota. The High Commissioner's telegrams have been reported to Arab ports but do not appear to have been circulated to you.

We think it would be useful, if you see no objection, to give these telegrams our usual fairly wide distribution as in list attached. Perhaps you will let me know by telephone if you agree.

*Yours ever,*

*W.H. Halliday*

H. BEELEY, ESQ., C.B.E.

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- Private Secretary.
- Sir Henry Wilson Smith.

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19 1947 DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Houstoun Boswall D. 6.13 p.m. 15th March, 1947.  
No. 192  
15th March, 1947. R. 7.55 p.m. 15th March, 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem

Cairo

Bagdad

Amman (Jerusalem please pass as my telegram  
No. 25)

Jedda

Damascus Saving.

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Jerusalem telegram No. 544 to Colonial Office.

18p. undec. ? Illegal] immigrants. The views expressed in my telegram No. 171 did not of course (repeat not) take into account the present situation Palestine Government as that is outside my province. Nor am I competent to do so. Paragraph 2, (a) of Jerusalem telegram under reference is both revealing and disheartening but I cannot see that the situation would be improved if Arab extremists were encouraged by such a concession to terrorists, to join forces of disorder with at least the moral support of the Arab States.

2. The Arabs are already shocked by the leniency shown to convicted Jewish terrorists (which they contrast with the swift justice meted out to Arab rebels in the past). Jamal Hussein when he was here stressed this point which I found it somewhat difficult to explain away; and I have little doubt that he himself (I cannot speak of Palestine Arabs in general) and public opinion in Lebanon would react most strongly to what would seem further weakness on our part. British prestige here would suffer accordingly.

3. His Majesty's Government have in any case come to the conclusion that mandate is unworkable and have said so. Therefore it could be argued reasonably that His Majesty's Government as mandatory power are not free to do more than to maintain rigidly the status quo while the question is subjudice.

4. The humanitarian issue which the High Commissioner stresses might have had some appeal had Zionists not seen fit to use it as a means to secure sovereignty, and that is just what puts the Arabs off.

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D.13th March, 1947.

R.14th " " 07.00 hrs.

No.544 Top Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S.	No. 20.
Repeated to Cairo	No. 30.
" " Baghdad	No. 30.
" " Jedda	No.327.
" " Beirut	No.331.
" " Damascus	No.332.
" " Amman	

Your telegram No. 469.

I have noted the replies sent to the Foreign Office regarding Arab reactions to any increase in the immigration quota. I assume that His Majesty's Government will not be deflected from carrying out their obligations as Mandatory for Palestine by any fear of unfavourable political reactions in other countries and, as you know, I have continually stressed that there is a real human issue involved in this problem which has not yet been met.

2. In view of the statement made by the Foreign Secretary to the Arab Delegation, which they may interpret as an undertaking, I must not be taken as advocating an increase in the quota, but I must again emphasize the following facts.

(a) Without an increase, there is little prospect of stopping terrorism by any military or other action short of war with the Jews.

(b) Illegal immigrants now in Cyprus and expected will enter Palestine sooner or later and cannot be stopped.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 22nd March, 1947.

R. 22nd " " 20.25 hrs.

**IMPORTANT**

No. 630. Top Secret and Personal.

Addressed to H.M. Ambassador Baghdad No. 38.

" " Minister Beirut No. 375.

Repeated to the S. of S.

" " Cairo, No. 28.

" " Jedda No. 54.

" " Damascus No. 376.

" " Amman by airmail.

Reference Baghdad telegram No. 258 and Beirut telegram No. 192, both addressed to the Foreign Office and repeated to me.

I should make it clear that my telegram No. 544 was not a recommendation to increase the Jewish immigration quota. I have recommended to H.M. Government that this is not the time to increase it (for your information only). The telegram was however, intended to stress the reality of the situation here and I fear, from further reply that it has provoked, that it would appear we have, perhaps, failed to keep H.M. Representatives in Arab countries sufficiently informed on the position. For instance, H.M. Ambassador, Baghdad, has assumed that the argument for an increase in the quota is based on the suggestion that this would make the Government cease their activities. But I believe this is a misunderstanding. It is a shame of this, the real argument, apart from the human aspect, is that if you do not increase the quota, you will deal with the situation for a long time, and it will be a

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anxious to do, otherwise as deportations go on, they find it difficult to persuade their younger people to take any action, or to organise wholehearted cooperation, which gives the only sure method of eradicating the evil.

Again the specious Arab argument, that comparative leniency is being shown to Jews, is quite easily countered. For Arab rebellion went on for three years, and it was only when it was found that more moderate methods had failed to bring about the desired results, that ruthless methods were tried. The present struggle is following the same course. Moreover the character of the disturbance is quite different. On the one hand opponents were rural guerillas, on the other we are dealing with a few thousand well trained saboteurs, hidden in the heart of a highly civilized urban population. It is clearly, methods to be used in one case will not always suit in the other, quite apart from the ethics of the question. Moreover it was not ruthlessness which ended the Arab rebellion. I must again stress that, through the mandate, B.M. Government have an obligation to Jews, and this problem cannot be viewed solely through Arab eyes, certainly not by me. As it appears members of the Arab Higher Executive are visiting B.M. representatives, and in view of the importance of accurate information about Palestine in Arab countries, I hope that I may be given the opportunity of informing B.M. Representatives fully on any point of doubt that they may still have. It would give me the greatest pleasure should it be possible for any of them to visit me and view the situation in Palestine first-hand. Air transport could of course be arranged.

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Des. A. Hunkhude

Amman.

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18 Mar 1947.

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Possible Reprisals by Arab States re Palestine.  
 Refer # V. 61 109 (E2054/1914/31) States, when  
 Arab talk about fighting re Palestine issue, it  
 does not follow that they mean a struggle to  
 be waged by their arms against Israel. But that they would make numerous  
 of themselves by other means, past examples.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM AMMAN TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir A. Kirkbride, D: 4.30 p.m. 18th March, 1947  
 No. 92  
 18th March, 1947. R: 8.20 p.m. 18th March, 1947

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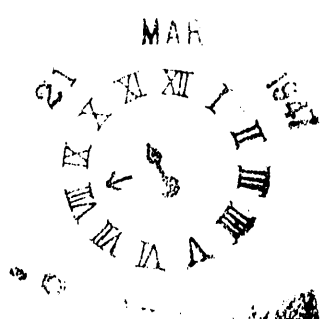
Palestine

With reference to your telegram 109 March 13th. When representatives of the Arab States talk about fighting Great Britain on Palestine issue in the event of decision by His Majesty's Government favourable to the Zionists it does not follow that they mean a struggle to be waged by their armies against those of Great Britain. They are quite aware of their impotence in a purely military sense.

2. I am not party to any plan which the Arabs may have made to deal with such a development but I can think of a number of obvious means of making serious nuisances of themselves.

3. During their rebellion in Palestine of 1936-1939 the Arabs received considerable reinforcements in men, arms and ammunition from neighbouring Arab States notwithstanding the fact that these were then under the Mandate. Another Arab outbreak in Palestine under the present circumstances might be much more difficult to cope with. In their own territories Arab Government could adopt the same policy as that of the Jewish Agency and plead inability to control popular feeling until His Majesty's Government changed their policy. The position of the British communities in the Arab States could be brought to that prevailing in Palestine through Jewish action.

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5. The anxieties shown by the Arab States which are referred to in [grp undec.? Jerusalem] telegram 358 February 19th do not necessarily arise from fear. There is a great deal of genuine good will for us still in the Arab World but it should not be subjected to too great a strain.

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Mr. Mountain Roswell.

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21.

Possible Reprints by Arab States as follows.  
 Refers to 571 (E 2054/1914/31) agrees with  
 initial of 358 that Arab Govt would go long  
 way to avoid open break with King. Arab Govt  
 would at first do everything in its power to avoid  
 such a development. (1) Doubt, if they would  
 be able to control extremist element, i.e. SHIRAZ  
 MOHAMMED, MUHAMMAD MUSLIMAH INHANSAR.

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Mr. B. J. M. 21

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8) Capt. Duckworth,

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM BEIRUT TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Houstoun Boswall D. 1.00 p.m. 18th March, 1947.  
No. 201  
 18th March, 1947. R. 5.05 p.m. 18th March, 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem  
 Bagdad  
 Jedda  
 Cairo  
 British Middle East Office (Cairo please pass)  
 Damascus Saving.

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Palestine.

Your telegram No. 571 to Cairo.

I am inclined to agree with conclusion of High Commissioner for Palestine in his telegram No. 358 that Arab Government would go long way to avoid an open breach with us. Lebanese Government at least would I believe do everything in its power to avoid such a development. I am however extremely doubtful if they would be able to or even willing to control extremist elements such as Shabab Mohammed, Ikhwan El Muslineen and Ansar who would react strongly to any increase in immigration and who would certainly help actively if Palestine hitherto became involved in hostilities. Nor would leadership be lacking with such men as Fawzi Qawaqji and Nabih Azmeah at hand. Lebanese Government might be expected to make frontier guard of fire arms more lax than it is now and even to allow arms etc. to be imported through their Ports and run to Palestine.

2. Arab Government realise that Egyptians have gone too far and are therefore prepared to help us within limits. On the other hand they believe implicitly in justice of Arab Cause in Palestine and would (if my former experience in Iraq goes for anything) refuse to take strong measures against their own extremists.

Jerusalem please pass to Amman as my telegram No. 26.



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in Geoffrey Smith

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Possible approach by Arab States is probable.  
 Ref. #1 to 571 to Cairo (E2054/1947/31) does  
 not hesitate to assert that King Abd. would  
 be most unwilling to assume an attitude of active  
 hostility to Great Britain. This would contradict  
 the policy and friendship of a lifetime.

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8/ G.O. Martin

Mar. 24

8) Capt. Duckworth,

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FROM JEDDA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Grafftey Smith. D. 10.45 a.m. 20th March 1947.  
No. 119 R. 5.30 p.m. 20th March 1947.

20th March 1947.

Repeated to:

British Middle East Office Cairo Saving  
Bagdad Saving  
Damascus Saving  
Amman Saving  
Beirut Saving  
Jerusalem Saving.

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Your telegram No. 571 to Cairo.

Arab threats.

I have no hesitation in asserting that King Ibn Saud would be most unwilling to assume an attitude of active hostility to Great Britain. This would contradict the policy and friendship of a lifetime.

2. Direct action against the Jews is another matter. His Majesty believes he would be fulfilling the scriptures by playing his part at Armageddon.

3. In practice this discrimination which the King is always careful to make between His Majesty's Government (and therefore Government of Palestine) and Zionist Jews would deter him from direct and hostile confrontation of British forces, [grps. omitted] unofficial raiding in support of any organised Arab fighting in Palestine. He cannot afford to appear to be less ardent an Arab and a Moslem than other members of the Arab League.

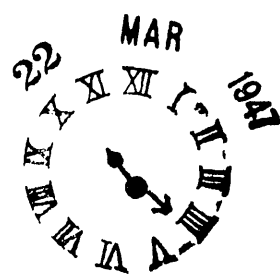
4. As regards feeling among the Arabs in general I would hazard the opinion that in view of

a) their probable large scale acquisitions of arms during and after the war

b) their gradual conviction of our own military ineffectiveness

c) the exhaustion of their patience and

d) increasing accent on Islam in such nationalistic mass-groupings as Ikh[grp.undec] el Muslimin and Indian Moslem League, it would be unrealistic to dismiss Arab threats of violence in Palestine as mere bluff.



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R. 5.30 p.m. 20th March, 1947.

British Middle East Office Cairo Saving  
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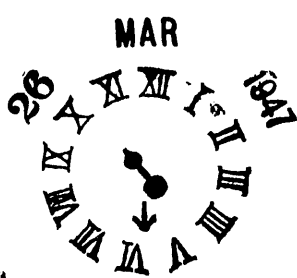
3. In practice this discrimination which the King is always careful to make between His Majesty's Government (and therefore Government of Palestine) and Zionist Jews would deter him from direct and hostile confrontation of British forces, \*but he would probably be unable and unwilling to prevent considerable\* unofficial raiding in support of any organised Arab fighting in Palestine. He cannot afford to appear to be less ardent an Arab and a Moslem than other members of the Arab League.

a) their probable large scale acquisitions of arms during and after the war

b) their gradual conviction of our own military ineffectiveness

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d) increasing accent on Islam in such nationalistic mass-groupings as Ikh[grp.undec] el Muslimin and Indian Moslem League, it would be unrealistic to dismiss Arab threats of violence in Palestine as mere bluff.





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H. H. Hirschman

Bird

Bagdad

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19. 11. 1947

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Increase in Illegal Immigration Quota.  
 Refers Jerusalem tel 544 to 2284/1947/31)  
 Entirely agrees with Beirut tel 192. Tells that  
 Jewish aim is to convert Palestine into a Jewish  
 state. If H.H. were to make conversion, this might  
 well intensify campaign of Illegal Immigration  
 and terrorist activities.

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8) Capt. Jackson

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DEPARTMENTAL No: 2

FROM BAGDAD TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir H. Stonehewer Bird  
No: 258

D. 1.6.p.m. 20th March 1947

19th March 1947

R. 4.15.p.m. 20th March 1947

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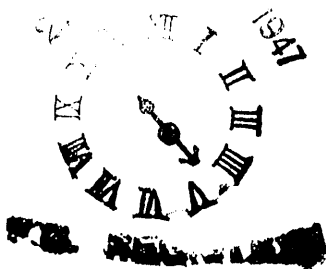
I had of course only viewed the matter from the angle of Iraq, but in the light of the High Commissioner's telegram I can, I think, properly ask what assurance there can possibly be that the admission of a few thousand more Jews will mean the cessation of terrorist activity. Terrorist and Zionist organisations in whose interests they operate are not interested in the humanitarian aspect except in so far as it acts as a convenient-cloak for their political activities. Their aim is to convert Palestine into an all Jewish State and it seems to me that if His Majesty's Government were to make any concession the Zionists flushed by their victory might well intensify the campaign of illegal immigration if not also their terrorist activity.

I entirely agree with all the points made by His Majesty's Minister, Beirut, in his telegram No: 192 and would particularly support the argument in paragraph 3 for it undoubtedly represents the view which would be held here.

Beirut please pass to Damascus as my telegram No: 29.

Foreign Office please pass to Amman as my telegram No: 18.

[Repeated to Amman].



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Sir R. Campbell.

Cairo.

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20, 11/1947

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Proposed increase in illegal immigration quota.  
Refer Report of 192 (2384/1947/31). Agree  
entirely with ref. It may not be realized  
in Palestine how much encouragement has been  
given to Anti British elements of  
disorder in Egypt by the impunity with which  
Egyptian terrorists have been able to murder  
and humiliate British soldiers.

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Sir R. Campbell

D. 9. 10 p.m. GMT. 20th March, 1947.

No: 719

R. 11.20 p.m. BST. 20th March, 1947.

20th March, 1947.

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Beirut telegram No. 192 to you.

Suggested increase in Jewish immigration into Palestine.

I entirely agree with Mr. Houstoun-Boswall. I also do not presume to express opinions on the present situation in Palestine. The last thing I wish to do is to complicate the immensely difficult task of the Palestine Government by any report I may render to you. But I felt bound to comment in my telegram No. 610 to you on its effects in Egypt. It may not be realised in Palestine how much encouragement has been given to anti-British elements and elements of disorder in Egypt by the impunity with which Jewish terrorists have been able to murder and humiliate British soldiers. After flogging of British soldiers there were frequent suggestions in the press and elsewhere that the Jews are the only people who know how to deal with the British properly. In view of a wide spread feeling that the British Empire is going downhill it is most important that we should as far as possible abstain from any concessions which might tend to confirm the hope of our enemies that we are unable to offer unswerving resistance to violence.

2. Incidentally the raising of martial law has provoked general criticism here that we have again yielded to Jewish violence and this feeling was voiced very emphatically by ex-Lebanese Minister to London in the course of a conversation Oriental Ministers March 17th. The fact that actual Jewish terrorism marked the very day of the raising of martial law has put us in an invidious light here.

Damascus please pass to Beirut as my telegram No. 84.

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Possible approach by Arab States re Palestine.  
 Report 40. Oct 5-71 to Cairo (E 2054/1914/11)  
 agrees with M/C that Egypt Govt would  
 wish to avoid open breach, but if H.M.G. makes  
 what any Govt and any Arab, however well  
 disposed must regard as an 'unfriendly' aggression  
 to Zionism they would be powerless and indeed  
 unwilling to suppress hostile demonstrations.

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Mr. Eyres.

Dated

D. 11/11/1947.

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Possible Reprints by Arab States as follows.

Refer to 1st to Cairo 571 (E 2054/1914/31). Would  
 be able to say that Syrian Govt. would actually  
 take up arms in defence of Palestine. Much would  
 depend on what Arab League proposed to do.  
 But Syrian Govt. will certainly think we had  
 best claim it consideration from them  
 and would probably receive of the activities  
 of HAZI & HAWAJI etc.

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FROM DAMASCUS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Eyres.  
No. 86

D. 3.45 p.m. 21st March, 1947

21st March, 1947 R. 6.50 p.m. 21st March, 1947

Repeated to Cairo  
Jerusalem  
Amman  
Bagdad  
Beirut  
Jedda  
British Middle East Office Cairo.)

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Your telegram No. 571 to Cairo.

I should hesitate to say that the Syrian Government would actually take up arms in defence of Palestine. Much would depend on what the Arab League proposed to do. But the Syrian Government would certainly think we had lost all claim to consideration from them and would probably connive at the activities of Fauzi Qawuqji, Nabin El Azme and other rebel leaders who might organise despatch of [gp. undec. ?number of] volunteers to Palestine. They might also be reluctant to interfere with anti-British and anti-Jewish demonstrations and this in turn might lead to bloodshed and damage to property.

2. Syrian attitude towards us on Anglo-Egyptian differences is quite different from their attitude on Palestine. Syrian Government realise that Egypt is in the wrong and it may prejudice her interests if the dispute is brought before United Nations. Even so, they feel compelled to support her in the last resort (Cairo telegram No. 689 paragraph 4) though they hope to avoid having to choose between us. About Palestine they have no doubts at all.

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Mr. Gifford Smith  
Fidda.

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23 Mar 1947

Immigration &amp; Illegal Immigration Bureau.

Refer Telegram to 544 (E 2784/1914/21)  
 Please advise indications given in Fidda to  
 97 remain valid, agree with views of  
 other posts as effect on analysis of our  
 failure to suppress terrorism in Palestine

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Many thanks for your letter about the immigration quota. I have shown the Secretary of State our telegram to the Arab posts (No.518 to Cairo) and the replies.

"In view of the answers I feel we had better stick to the present quota. We are doing our best to speed up the hearing."

Yours ever,

John

Harold Beeley, Esq., C.B.E.,  
Foreign Office.

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*(from the  
Private  
Secretary)*

*H.B. 21/  
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*You will remember that  
we recently asked H.M. Representatives  
in the Arab States for their views on  
the probable Arab reaction to an  
increase in the rate of Jewish  
immigration into Palestine pending  
consideration of that country's  
future by the United Nations.*

*Our telegram (no. 518 to  
Cairo) and the replies to it, all  
of which have been copied to  
the Colonial Office, were sent to  
Foreign  
the Secretary in Moscow. He has  
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You may wish to inform the Colonial Secretary of this comment.

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24th March, 1947.

You will remember that we recently asked H.H. Representatives in the Arab States for their views on the probable Arab reaction to an increase in the rate of Jewish immigration into Palestine pending consideration of that country's future by the United Nations.

Our telegram (no. 518 to Cairo) and the replies to it, all of which have been copied to the Colonial Office, were sent to the Foreign Secretary in Moscow. He has minuted as follows:

"In view of the answers I feel we had better stick to the present quota. We are doing our best to speed up the hearing."

You may wish to inform the Colonial Secretary of this comment.

Yours sincerely,

(S...)

E.R. Edmonds, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

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Proposed Yarnall in Illegal Immigration

Enclosed report of Detective F. G.  
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as possibility of increasing the British  
Immigration quota to 100,000.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 22nd March, 1947.

R. 22nd " " 20.25 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 630. Top Secret and Personal.

Addressed to H.M. Ambassador Baghdad No. 35.

" " Minister Beirut No. 375.

Repeated to the S. of S.

" " Cairo, No. 26.

" " Jedda No. 34.

" " Damascus No. 376.

" " Amman by savingram.

Reference Baghdad telegram No. 258 and Beirut telegram No. 192, both addressed to the Foreign Office and repeated to me.

I should make it clear that my telegram No. 544 was not a recommendation to increase the Jewish immigration quota. I have recommended to H.M. Government that this is not the time to increase it (for your information only). The telegram was however, intended to stress the reality of the situation here and I fear, from further replies that it has provoked, that it would appear we have, perhaps, failed to keep H.M. Representatives in Arab countries sufficiently informed on the position. For instance, H.M. Ambassador, Baghdad, has assumed that the argument for an increase in the quota is based on the suggestion that this would make the terrorists cease their activities. Though I believe there would in fact be a chance of this, the real argument, apart from the human aspect, is that it would make it possible for Jews to deal with the terrorists themselves, which many of them are

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Mr. Martin  
Sir D. Harris  
Mr. Trafford Smith  
Mr. Mathieson  
Mr. Higham  
Mr. Eastwood  
Mr. Bennett  
Mr. Bigg



INWARD TELEGRAM

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 15th March, 1947.

R. 14th " " 07.00 hrs.

No. 544 Top Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S.

Repeated to Cairo

" " Baghdad

" " Jedda

" " Beirut

" " Damascus

" " Amman

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Your telegram No. 469.

I have noted the replies sent to the Foreign Office regarding Arab reactions to any increase in the immigration quota. I assume that His Majesty's Government will not be deflected from carrying out their obligations as Mandatory for Palestine by any fear of unfavourable political reactions in other countries and, as you know, I have continually stressed that there is a real human issue involved in this problem which has not yet been met.

2. In view of the statement made by the Foreign Secretary to the Arab Delegation, which they may interpret as an undertaking, I must not be taken as advocating an increase in the quota, but I must again emphasize the following facts.

(a) Without an increase, there is little prospect of stopping terrorism by any military or other action short of war with the Jews.

(b) Illegal immigrants now in Cyprus and expected will enter Palestine sooner or later and cannot be stopped.

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